

In re:

Serial #: 09/756,688  
For: Removable Bearing Assemblies  
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Inventor: Richard L. Fisher  
GAU: 3617  
Examiner: Avila  
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DECLARATION OF MARK L. FISHER

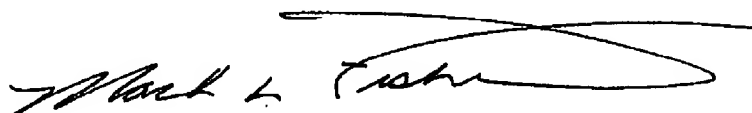
I, Mark L. Fisher, declare as follows:

1. I am a citizen of the United States and reside at 33704 Poverty Point Drive  
Avon, MN 56310
2. I have been a shareholder and officer of Fisher Beavertail Manufacturing, Inc. since May 1999
3. The attached newspaper article (Exhibit B) was published on August 22, 1999 in the St. Cloud Times newspaper. The content was photographed and prepared before that date. The center photograph of Exhibit B captioned "Mark Fisher attaches the motor to his boat for testing" is a photograph of a drive assembly for a marine mud motor, comprising: an elongate drive tube, configured for rotatably receiving a drive shaft therethrough, wherein a lower end of the drive tube includes a drive assembly housing, having a lower end; a bearing, in rotational communication between the drive assembly housing and the drive shaft; and a seal, contained within the drive assembly housing, configured to restrict contaminants from entering the drive assembly housing.
4. The mud motor including assembly housing and bearing photographed in Exhibit B was assembled, tested and demonstrated, thereby constituting reduction to practice, on or before August 22, 1999 and was not concealed or abandoned, as prima facie evidenced by Exhibit B.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dated: May 14, 2002

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark L. Fisher", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark L. Fisher